

REMARKS

Claim 11 has been amended to correct a typographical error by deleting “Cab” and inserting therefor “C3b.” This typographical error was introduced when original Claim 11 was presented in the Claim Listing of the Amendment and Response to Office Action filed on October 31, 2003. Claim 11 as originally filed recited “an activity selected from the group consisting of C3b binding activity, C3b cofactor activity, C4b binding activity, and C4b cofactor activity . . .”

Claim 25 has been amended to recite “the method comprising expressing a DNA encoding the modified form of decay accelerating factor in a host cell.” Support for the amendment is found, for example, at page 17, line 18 through page 18, line 13. This clause is substantially similar to the language of the step in other method claims, such as Claim 24.

Helen E. Wendler, Esq., Applicant’s new counsel, discussed the typographical error in Claim 11 with Supervisory Patent Examiner Kunz by telephone and was advised that the error should be corrected by filing this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132.

The amendment to Claims 11 and 25 correct a typographical errors, do not add new matter, are required for proper protection of the invention, and entry of the amendments requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. Therefore, this Amendment should be entered. (MPEP § 714.16, 8th Ed., Rev.2, May 2004.)

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered and the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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